IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

FLEISCHHAUER, Holger, et al.

Serial No.: 10/520,024

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METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE LOADING CAPACITY OF TOBACCO

Docket No. 35717

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Group Art Unit No. 1791

Customer No.: 23589

Examiner: NGUYEN, Phu Hoang

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants, through their attorneys, hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to file a response to the office action of November 1, 2007. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$460.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the two-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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